

Torrance Unified School District Middle School Summer Reading List

Incoming 7th Grade Reading List



- ***Elijah Of Buxton*** by Christopher Paul Curtis, 2008 Newbery Honor Book
- ***The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child*** by Francisco Jimenez (autobiography)
- ***Dogs on Duty: Soldiers Best Friends on the Battlefield and Beyond*** by Dorothy H. Patent (nonfiction)
- ***Navigating Early*** by Clare Vanderpool (realistic fiction)
- ***Brown Girl Dreaming*** by Jacqueline Woodson
- ***Middle School is Worse Than Meatloaf: A Year Told Through Stuff*** by Jennifer Holm (fiction)
- ***Wonderstruck*** by Brian Selznick
- ***Chained*** by Lynne Kelly
- ***My Life in Dog Years*** by Gary Paulson (autobiographical)
- ***Revolution is Not a Dinner Party*** by Ying Chang Compestine (historical fiction)
- ***10 Plants That Shook The World*** by Gillian Richardson (science)
- ***The Skin I'm In*** by Sharon G. Flake (realistic fiction)
- ***Last Shot: Final Four Mystery*** by John Feinstein (realistic fiction)
- ***The Cheshire Cheese Cat: A Dickens of a Tale*** by Carmen Deedy (fantasy)
- ***Dark Emperor & Other Poems of the Night*** by Joyce Sidman
- **Books of your choice!**

These books have been recommended by the School Library Journal. You can read their reviews and those by the American Library Association on amazon.com. Most books or authors published before 2004 can also be found on the California Department of Education site *Recommended Literature for Kindergarten Through Grade 12*—<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/rl/>. For titles of 2014 award winning children's books, see the American Library Association website- Awards and Grants, <http://www.ala.org/>.